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"Serve the Church that the Church May Serve You."

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
BLAIRMORE

Rev. James McKeever, Minister

Services Sunday next:
11:00 a.m., Senior school.
2:00 p.m., Junior school.
7:30 p.m., Public Worship.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BLAIRMORE

Rector: Rev. W. E. Brown

First Sunday after Epiphany:
Evensong 7:30 p.m.

Thursday:

War Intercession 7:30 p.m.
Choir practice 8 p.m.

The Rector wishes to thank the members of St. Luke's who gave a most generous offering at our Christmas service.

"V"

SALVATION ARMY, COLEMAN

Lieuts. S. Nahirney and R. Hammond,
Officers in charge.

Sunday services:

11 a.m., Holiness meeting.

2:30 p.m., Directory class.

7:30 p.m., Sunday school.

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Red Shield Auxiliary and Home League.

Thursday: 8 p.m., Praise Meeting.
Funerals and dedications on application to the local offices.

"V"

HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH:

Services every Sunday at 8 p.m.

BELLEVUE UNITED CHURCH:

Services at 7:30 p.m. every Sunday.

COWLEY UNITED CHURCH:

Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. IRWIN, Minister.

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BELLEVUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Evangelist: Alfred Siple

10:30 a.m., Sunday school.

11:30 a.m., Morning service.

We preach the Victory Life of Christ, and invite you.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of Bertha Graham, who passed to her reward on January 8, 1944.

Ever remembered by her husband, J. W. Gresham, Irene and Louis and Lew.

Recruiting for Royal Air Force, Royal Artillery and Royal Navy was suspended in Newfoundland temporarily on December 1st.

Mrs. Adam Bonne was down from Calgary to spend the Yuletide with her mother, Mrs. Martin, and Miss Selina Audrey is looking well.

Preston Ellsworth Koonop, twelve-year-old farm boy, was the twelve millionth boy to become a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Sgt. Peter Gregory, K5687, son of Mrs. Kathleen Gregory, of Bellevue, was reported as slightly injured in action. His wife resides at 37 Carlton Road, Kingsley, Northampton, England.

Col. G. E. Saunders, CMG, DSO, former inspector of the North West Mounted Police, veteran of two wars, and city police magistrate in Calgary from 1911 to 1932, celebrated his 81st birthday on Christmas Day.

Bill Duncan arrived home to Bellevue in time for Christmas, and enjoyed the holiday period with his parents and with his sister, Mrs. L. S. Richards, at Coleman. Bill suffered injuries in North Africa, from which he is recovering slowly.

RED CROSS NEWS

The local work rooms re-open on Wednesday, January 10th. Workers are urged to come out—the work is increasingly heavy, as the need for supplies grows every day.

The annual meeting of the Blairmore branch will be held on Friday, January 12th, at 7:30 p.m. in Central School. The public is cordially invited.

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LOCAL MINER DIES

OF KNIFE WOUNDS

Following some hours of hearing from ten witnesses, a coroner's jury on Tuesday returned a verdict that the deceased, Louis Gal, came to his death at his home in Blairmore on December 21st from knife wounds administered by one Joseph Lynell during a quarrel.

The accused man told of returning from work to the cabin occupied by himself and Gal, and of Gal becoming mad after an argument, attacking first with a poker and then resorting to the knife. Lynell is held in custody pending trial.

The remains of Louis Gal were laid to rest on Tuesday, December 26th.

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JOHN HOGGAN PASSES

John Hoggan, for many years resident of Bellevue, died at the home of his nephew, William Hoggan, Coleman, on Saturday, December 23rd, aged 88. He was predeceased by his wife but ten weeks previous, since which time Mr. Hoggan has resided in Coleman.

Born at Skinfolds, Stirlingshire, in 1859, he came to Canada fifty-four years ago, settling on Vancouver Island, where he worked in coal mines.

Funeral took place at Bellevue on Wednesday afternoon, December 27th, and was very largely attended.

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John Hadfield, former resident of Coleman, where he occupied the position of fireboss, at the International mine, passed away at Westville, Nova Scotia, on December 13th, aged 81.

He came to Coleman in 1905. In 1927 he and Mrs. Hadfield left Coleman for their former home in Nova Scotia. John was a prominent Oddfellow and was very well known throughout the Pass. One brother, Samuel, resides in Coleman.

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Mr. Justice Harry Willman Lunney, who had served on the Alberta Appeal Court from the time of his elevation to the Bench in 1928, died suddenly in Calgary on Saturday afternoon, December 23rd, aged 59. A native of St. John, New Brunswick, he was educated in New Brunswick schools and university, and received his B.L. degree from King's College, Windsor, NS, in 1909. He was very well and popularly known throughout Alberta, and is survived by his widow, one daughter, one sister and three brothers. Interment took place at St. Mary's cemetery in Calgary on Wednesday of last week.

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Sam Giampietri former Blairmoreite now living in Calgary, was fined \$100 or three months when he pleaded guilty in a Calgary court yesterday to forging a liquor sales slip in the name of Roy Pipe. On a further charge of having the certificate he was fined \$50 and costs or three months additional.

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Judge George H. Thompson, formerly stationed in the East Kootenay district of BC, and who retired from the bench at Cranbrook in 1942, died Wednesday with the trachers and yesterday at Sherbrooke, Quebec, aged 72. He was called to the bar in 1896 and moved to British Columbia in 1900.

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Effective from February 1st next, a new order under the male minimum wage act will increase minimum here, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lemire, wages for male employees from \$3 to \$2.70 a week and five cent an hour. MacLeod, have returned from spending for those paid on the hourly basis.

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

Dec. 27.—Miss Rose Marie Cox left to spend Christmas with her parents at Welling.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tustian and small daughters, Barbara and Patricia, moved to Cranbrook to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood.

Miss Helen Morrison, of Calgary, is spending the Yuletide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morrison.

Harry Rigaux, of the Calgary military camp medical corps, spent a few days here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerr.

Peter Preveaut has returned from Pincher Creek, where he was hospital patient for a few days.

Miss Anna Fapp came down from Calgary for the holidays.

Cowley motion pictures have been discontinued for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Neumann and son Kennedy, spent the Christmas week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tustian left to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. D. McIsaac, in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Richards, of Pincher Creek, arrived to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dionne came down from Coleman to spend the Yuletide with Mr. and Mrs. T. Lapointe in the Porcupine Hills.

On Thursday afternoon a Christmas party, sponsored by Miss Nellie McWilliam and Mrs. Griffith Parry, teachers of the village school, was held in the Cowley opera house, when a large crowd attended. For entertainment, eight Christmas cards were sung and two square dances were stepped off in perfect time and order.

From a beautifully decorated Christmas tree Santa Claus gave to every girl and boy a gift, also bags of candies, etc. The tombola prizes were won in the following order: Lorne Duart, box of apples; Donald Martin, sack of flour; Rosie Papp, box of biscuits; Mrs. Alvin Murphy, box of groceries; Alex. Maloff, chicken; Miss Nellie McWilliam, box of candy; Ed. Murphy, J. Hobbs and Mrs. E. F. Everett, one dollar each.

Jan. 3.—Michael Elton is spending a few days in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and family spent the Yuletide with Mr. and Mrs. Ernst at Spring Coulee.

Mrs. Mollie Milvain has returned to Calgary following a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawkinson, of Blairmore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ernst during Christmas.

Clair Snyder returned to military duties in Victoria, BC, on Friday, following a few days leave to spend with his mother, Mrs. Delta Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Porter, of Warner, were visitors here during the Yuletide, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Porter.

Miss Nellie McWilliam has returned from a visit with her sister at Michel, Mrs. Leslie Tustian.

Harry Rigeaux, of the medical corps, returned to his duties on Tuesday after a Christmas visit with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Vern Maloff has returned from a visit with relatives at Vercen, Saskatchewan.

The Cowley school reopened on Wednesday with the teachers and pupils taking renewed interest after the Christmas gales.

Mac Poulsen returned to Del Bonita to resume her duties as teacher.

Armand Lemire, who is attending St. Joseph's college in Edmonton, spent Christmas with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lemire.

Wages for male employees from \$3 to \$2.70 a week and five cent an hour. MacLeod, have returned from spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and



C.B.C. ACTRESS

Pictured here beside a CBS microphone in Hollywood is June Whitley, pert and vivacious radio actress, who Thompson Co. store now stands. At home again in Canada to star in the opening of the First Great War, CBC network drama productions after he was one of the first to volunteer several years in the United States, for service, serving overseas with the 5th Battalion and returning a year later to the CBS station in San Francisco. In 1940 she was a leading lady in "The Screen of Society," a play she had written in collaboration with her husband, Bill Whitley, of Vancouver. Before returning to star in network dramas on the CBS's Vancouver Playhouse, June Whitley had been a leading lady on stage with such well-known Hollywood radio programmes as "The Adventures of Raffles," "I Was There," and Orson Welles' productions.

Mrs. Mose Thibert here.

The annual meeting of the local Red Cross branch will be held on Thursday afternoon next.

After spending Christmas and the New Year with Mrs. A. G. Swart, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Horning and two children returned to De Winton.

LAC Harold Person, MO, SFTS, of Saskatchewan, and Gnr. Donald Person, of Camp Shilo, returned to their stations following a visit here with their families. Mrs. A. Person.

The fortnightly Red Cross whist drive was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday night. Prizes were won by Mrs. I. Irwin, ladies' first; Mrs. M. A. Perceval, second; T. A. Feller, gentlemen's first; Willie Musgrave, second. A lively dance followed. Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. F. Webber and Mrs. M. Murphy were hostesses.

The annual meeting of the United Church Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Martin on Thursday afternoon. The ending of the fiscal year showed a balance on hand of \$59.92. Election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. K. Martin re-elected president; Mrs. Arthur Tustian re-elected secretary-treasurer. Standing committees were all re-elected. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Morrison.

Mr. William Mulock, who died in Toronto on October 1st last, aged 101, left \$50,000 to Prime Minister Mackenzie King. It was not all in coppers.

The will of the former chancellor of the University of Toronto disposed of an estate of \$2,500,000. Sir William was responsible for introducing Mr. Mackenzie King into public life when, while minister of labor in 1900, he took the young student as his deputy minister.

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Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and Roy in their sorrow.

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OVERSEAS WORKSHOP

CBC engineer was correspondents Paul Johnson (left) and Hardie Wadsworth, check equipment in the overseas unit workshop.

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Dec. 27.—Donald Grant, of Calgary, was a Christmas visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Duke, of Fernie, spent the Yuletide here with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. C. McIsaac were Christmas Day guests of PO and Mrs. A. Bergington at Clarendon.

Capt. and Mrs. R. Burgman and Allan, also Miss M. Armstrong, were holiday guests of Mrs. Burgman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Cruickshank, here.

Rudy Sarchese, who is attending high school in Calgary, arrived here to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sarchese.

Dan Rossi has resumed work at the Mohawk mine, after being laid off a month through a leg injury.

Jan. 3.—The funeral of Winnifred Clarke was held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence to the United church, which was filled to capacity with sorrowing relatives and friends. In his message of sympathy, Rev. Mr. Irwin spoke of the beautiful flowers that bloom for a short time only, but fulfill their mission by leaving a message of gladness and beauty. Deceased, too, he said, had in her short life left her message of love and happiness to all who knew her. Interment took place in the Hillcrest cemetery. Pallbearers were George McDale, Robert Hollingshead, Jimmie Young, Bill Soprovich, Cyril Gurie and Lawrence Rosio.

Lloyd Duke was a New Year visitor to Fernie, guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Duke.

Robert Hollingshead and Lawrence Fisher, of the University of Alberta, were home for the holiday season.

Petty Officer Georges Fry, accountancy branch of HMCS Givenchy, Esquimalt, BC, spent the Christmas holiday with his wife and family here and returned to his post on Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Cruickshank and son David, of Olds, arrived Saturday to spend two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cruickshank.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Halton, of Pincher Creek, spent the New Year week end in Hillcrest the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Moser and family.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Finchuk returned Friday after spending Christmas with relatives at Cannmore and Bowden. They were accompanied by Mrs. Finchuk's father and young brother.

Mrs. F. Radko, of Calgary, was a Christmas visitor at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bianchini.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Rose, of Clarendon, were New Year's eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Webster and Laumann were holiday visitors with relatives at Mountain View.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Selby and Billy, of Milk River, enjoyed the Christmas week end at the home of Mrs. Selby's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. Green. Miss Olive Greener accompanied them back to Milk River for the remainder of the holidays.

OS Harold Stefano, of HMCS Montcalm, left Thursday for Quebec after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stefano.

During Christmas week we happened to notice a local woman terribly illtreated by her husband for having swallowed a festive season piece of refreshment. We immediately brought the matter to the attention of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Patrick J. P. O'Neill, MBE, chief of the Newfoundland police, died December 6th at St. John's. He was in his 61st year and had been in the force twenty years. In 1916 he was given command of a patrol ship during World War I.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY**NUMBER ONE LESSON**

By HELEN PARTCH

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Alec noticed her when he first sat down. The girl's seat was next to his. Her eyes met his briefly—wide, timid, heavenly blue. Her hands were gripped in her lap. Alec thought, "I wonder if she's here alone?"

Then a roar went up. The race was on. Alec's attention switched to the track. Except he burned his body, choked his breath till it caught in a sigh, exploded in a cheer, exhaled in a final disgruntled groan. Galahad first. Quaker Lady fourth.

"Well!" Alec mopped his face. Close call. He hadn't placed his bet. A bunch perhaps. He had been late. He had thought, "Tomorrow," and hurried to his seat. That was a stroke of luck!

He felt a tug at his side and looked down to find the girl twirling at her bracelet which was caught on his coat. She pulled desperately. Her face was scarlet. "Allow me," Alec grinned. "Would you like the coat? Or do I get the bracelet?"

"I'm sorry." The girl gave a final jerk and the bracelet came loose, tearing the coat. She lifted mortified eyes to "Alec."

"Hi there," she reassured him. "What's a coat more or less? I nearly blew the works on Quaker Lady."

"I did!"

"You—" She looked at the wide eyes, the parted lips, the white throat where a little pulse beat faintly, "you are alone?"

"Yes. Why?"

"This is no place for you. Roughnecks, pickpockets—pickpockets—" In a flash Alec's mind went back an hour. He had taken a shower at the Woodlawn Club after a bout of tennis with Ted Graham. Alec had put on his coat and dropped his bill-fold carelessly into the side pocket. Ted said, "Why don't you give that to charity? Better than having it lifted."

Alec had grunted and started to transfer his money to a safer place. Andy Noyes had come up. They had talked a minute. Alec had run for the bus. The fare was in his change purse. He remembered the wallet now. He hated to reach into his pocket, the pocket where his girl's bracelet had caught. He did reach, slowly. The bill-fold was gone!

All he sat in stunned silence. His eyes met the track. He knew what he must do and he hated to do it. He could see nothing looking at them a pair of red lips, and a white throat where a little pulse beat faintly. His mouth was dry. He turned abruptly. Blue eyes lit to his, questioning, puzzled. Fine act! Alec smiled crookedly. He said, "It's hot. Want a cool drink?"

"I'd love it."

They left the stand and walked to a tonic booth. Alec asked, "Will you tell me your name?"

"Of course. Alice Crocker."

Phony probably. "I'm Alec Newcomb." Sap! He glanced at the large white handbag the girl carried. "I wonder why you are here alone? Not that it's any of my business."

"It's—fascinating."

"This is a good place to lose hard-earned money."

"I know it. I'm a stenographer at Smith and Bolles. Dan would kill me if he knew I came here."

"Dan?"

"Dan's my brother. None of my crowd cares for the races."

Alec's brows knit in sardonic amusement. What a line! He said, "I've been in Smith and Bolles a number of times. I never noticed you."

"I'm in Mr. Bolles' private office."

Alec took a long pull at his cold soda. He started to speak when the girl murmured, "Here's Dan now. She lifted her head defiantly.

Alec introduced the two men. Her eyes held Dan's. Alec tried to read their expression. Suddenly a man on Alec's other side grabbed his arm. "Hey, Alec, give me a hand, will you? Anna is passing out with the heat." It was Rod Lewis, a friend. He looked worried and upset. His wife was leaning heavily against him.

"We must catch this bus," Dan said to Alice. "Excuse us, won't you?" He nodded to the others, caught Alice by the arm, and whirled her about.

"Wait!" Alice started after them. They didn't hear.

Rod and Alec got Anna to the car. Alec's face was grim. His eyes were on the road, and on a yellow bus disappearing in the distance.

Rod offered him a lift home. "Anna will be all right as soon as we get moving."

"All right." Fool Nitwit! Sucker! Ted dropped Alec at his apartment. Alec ran up the steps of the building. In the lower hall on a bench sat Ted. He looked sheepish. "I've been waiting for you." He tossed Alec his wallet. "Missed it?"

Alec stared. Incredibly, suspicion, rage darkened his eyes.

Ted smiled wryly. "Goon. Hit me. I took it to teach you a lesson. The idea went sour when I thought it over. What's the matter? Heat gets you, or were you worried?"

"Oh, no! Money is nothing to my life!" Alec dropped on the beach beside Ted. His eyes narrowed thoughtfully. "You sell to Smith and Bolles. Known girl there named Alice Crocker?"

"Sure. Bolles' secretary. A peach."

"A peach!" Alec's mouth twisted in a grin. "You don't realize it, wise guy, but that girl owes you a good slap in the face!"

Storm Black Market**Angry Italians Beat Romans In Rome And Take Food**

Thousands of housewives and unemployed men stormed the black market in the Testaccio district of Rome, beating the operators and grabbing foodstuffs being hawked by street vendors.

The rioters mainly were members of the rapidly-growing band of Hungry Communists who demand that the Government ration essential food and suppress the black market.

The riot was touched off when angry housewives failed in an effort to induce a black market operator to sell a large stock of spaghetti at reasonable prices.

A squad of 50 policemen broke up the riot.

Some of the prices which have caused bitter resentment in Rome include 35 cents each for eggs, \$4 a pound for butter, \$3 a pound for cheese and 50 cents a pound for flour and corn meal.

The Newest Invention**British Engineer Climbs His Gadget Will Cut Gas Consumption**

Edward Date, engineer, has invented a process for using "tap water" to help drive an automobile, the London Evening News reported. The gadget measures four by nine inches, and costs \$40.

Date claims the device increases power 20 per cent, and decreases gasoline consumption 33 per cent.

According to the News, it operates by transforming water in a generator into "molecular content by lowering pressure," the water then being drawn into a cylinder after the gas and air mixture attains high pressure.

The article said no heat is required in the device, which Date claims might be used on aircraft also, and the British ministry of supply had ordered one for a test.

Face Great Odds**Canadian Fighter Pilots Now Operating Further Into Germany**

Canadian fighter pilots now are facing greater odds than ever before, they believe, since fighter casualties have been higher during the last few months than at any time since the battle of Britain.

"The risk will become greater as we get on into Germany," said Sqdn. Ldr. Arthur Sager of Vancouver, commanding officer of a Spitfire squadron in Belgium.

"Spitfires were not intended to stand up against the fak and the gun we have to face now," he said.

At the same time the average age of fighter pilots in the R.C.A.F. squadrons appears to be rising. A few couple of years ago the average age was 21 to 22 years, the men now appear to be around 25 years.

Although air training shortly will cease in Canada, fighter pilots who already had made an important contribution to the air war have returned to do second tours, and this is responsible for the rising average.

In this squadron, those on their second tour included Sqdn. Ldr. Sager, F/O. Albert Thomas of Winnipeg, F/O. W. J. Sherman of Simpson, Sask., Flt. Lt. Chuck Charlesworth of Duncan, B.C., and Flt. Lt. Phil Blades of Victoria.

Each man was doing a second tour because he had chosen to do so, but their eyes were tired and they looked older than their years.

If a man's honest he'll admit he's tired when he gets around the end of his second tour," the CO said. "Sitting around thinking about flying, waiting to go up, is almost as much of a strain as flying itself." Charlesworth said.

Interesting Experience**Newspaper Correspondent Dodges Nazis For Two Months**

At one time newspaperman Paul Morison turns his hand to fiction and goes in for spy stories, he won't have to use his imagination. He can draw on his own experience as a British agent 200 miles behind the German lines.

Two months of ducking Nazis in northern Italy—battling them when necessary—and finally escaping through their lines gave him enough adventure to fill a couple of best-sellers, and gave the Nazis a headache or two, too.

Spotted on the wings of a British army paratrooper on the tunic of his war correspondent's uniform, the Canadian newsman has returned to the Dominion to represent the London Express in Canada. Before going overseas he had worked for the Halifax Herald and the Toronto Star, and he went into Italy with the metal sheathing of aircrash blades.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Near the little cottage where Capt. John McCrae, writer of "In Flanders Fields," was born, a memorial garden to the poet will be established, a dispatch from Guelph says. Nothing could be more appropriate than a memorial garden to the man who immortalized the poppy, particularly those blooming "between the crosses row on row" in Flanders' Fields, states the Lethbridge Herald.

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Scientific Studies**Being Carried On To Forecast Fur And Game Supplies**

The day is coming when scientific studies and radio will make the snowy owl relatively unimportant as an indicator of fur conditions in the Far North—but it's still a long way off.

Resources department officials said the assembling of information on the animal life cycles of the north is continuing under a plan of co-operation between the government and the Oxford University bureau of animal population.

The detailed examinations conducted by scientists seek to establish a method of forecasting accurately the cycles in animal life so that natives and others dependent on game and fur for their livelihood can be forewarned of seasons of scarcity and plenty.

"We believe that in years to come, with records of plenty and scarcity in the north extending over decades and recording various factors in detail, it will be possible to be as accurate in forecasting game and fur supplies as it is now possible in forecasting the weather," one authority

said. Some cycles have been roughly established. The white fox cycle from plenty through scarcity to plenty is about four years; snowshoe rabbit, about 10; lemming, about four; snowy owl, about four; grouse, about 10; Canada lynx, about four. The studies have indicated that cycles may affect even the larger animals such as polar bears.

Scientists already know the relationship between the cycles affecting the fox, lemming and snowy owl all based on about four years. With the lemming in scarce, the fox and the owl either perish or migrate. Reports of these conditions might not reach the outside for many months, but the owl carries the news quickly by hurrying south as soon as he finds food hard to obtain.

Organizations such as the snowy owl committee for Canada begins reporting unusual numbers in southern areas and this means a scarcity of small animals in the north. That scarcity makes the fox hungry and they trap easily and therefore the years of a snowy owl flight south usually is one in which the fur catch is high.

Eventually the government may establish research stations in the north where studies of animal life will be conducted and indications of shortages reported at once by radio.

PLASTIC CONSTRUCTION

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W. J. BARTLETT, PUBLISHER

Blairmore, Alta., Fri., Jan. 5, 1945

THE UNDERLYING STRUGGLE

For the moment the German counter offensive on the Western front has driven into the background news of that underlying struggle of ideas which has been coming out into the open recently in Greece and the other liberated countries of Europe. In the war of arms, the battlefield is a clearly defined one. But in this war of ideas there are no frontiers. The enemy is not only the German and the Jap. For this battle of right versus wrong, of a materialistic conception of living against a God centered life, must be fought in the hearts of men everywhere.

All round the world there are signs that this battle of ideas is coming to a climax. If we don't watch out, we may be caught just as unprepared for this war as we were for the war of arms in 1939. There is the same evidence of blindness and unreality now as there was then. We did everything in the thirties but introduce the material and moral rearmament that was needed. Today there is talk about new systems, economic adjustments and so on, but these are all fundamentally materialistic weapons with which to stem the onrush of materialistic ideas. They alone will never do the trick.

What do we need? First of all, people who can see the issue clearly and who will then do something about it.

Many of us are easily fooled by these materialistic ideas and often unwittingly aid the enemy because we really don't know what we're shooting for. People whose ideas are guided by their own selfish interests and desire for comfort will quickly become the tools of forces out to create the division and disunity on which they can ride into power.

Men, on the other hand, who put the interests of the country first, whose faith in God is real and who put these principles to work in home and business can quickly produce a working answer to the most complicated problem.

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THE PREMIER'S MESSAGE

We regret that Premier Manning's Christmas message reached us too late for our Christmas edition, December 22nd. However, in it he wished to join in the Yuletide messages and greetings commemorating the birth of One whose message, "Peace on Earth," would be truly fulfilled. Thoughts of all at this Christmas were naturally with those of our men and women who were absent at a time when we all wanted loved ones to enjoy the family circle. As we enter the New Year, we may have the assurance that, by each doing his share at home as on the battlefronts of the world, our families may again be re-united and victory reign supreme. May Divine Providence guide and bless our united efforts to that end.

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Among those from outside points to come to town Tuesday to attend the funeral of Danny Lewis were Spud Murphy, of Macleod; Mr. and Mrs. H. Levasseur, Pincher Creek;

Tom Uphill, MLA, Fernie, and Clarence Reddick, Kimberley.

The marriage took place in Blairmore on December 22nd of Ethel Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Landon, to William Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roth, of Lethbridge, Rev. J. McKelvey officiating.

St. Alban's church at Coleman was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sunday afternoon, December 1st, when Beverly Vivian only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Short, became the bride of LAC William Melnyk, of Winnipeg, presently stationed at Rivers, Man.

Mrs. E. C. Cranston died at Lethbridge on December 30th, aged 64.

Father: "I'm afraid that boy has taken some money out of my pocket."

Mother: "How can you say that? I might have taken it."

Father: "No, my dear, there was some left."

At a New Year dinner served at Currie Barracks on Monday 1,700 men swallowed one ton of turkey. At

A farmer once called his cow Zephyr. She seemed such an amiable heifer.

But when he drew near she bit off his ear,

And now he is very much dephyr.

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A farm hand took his girl for a buggy ride, and nine miles out in the country, the horse dropped dead. "Oh, dear," sighed the girl, "and I'm so tired."

"Suppose I give you a nice kiss," said he. "That will put life in you."

"In that case," she replied, "you'd better kiss the horse."

Quong Sing Chin On, well known Hillcrest market gardener and business man, failed to enlist for service overseas, much as he would like to. He was told that nothing over fifty could be accepted.

Payment of war service gratuities from Ottawa began this week, when approximately 35,000 cheques, averaging \$100 each, were declared ready for mailing to discharged service personnel or to dependents of men killed on active service.

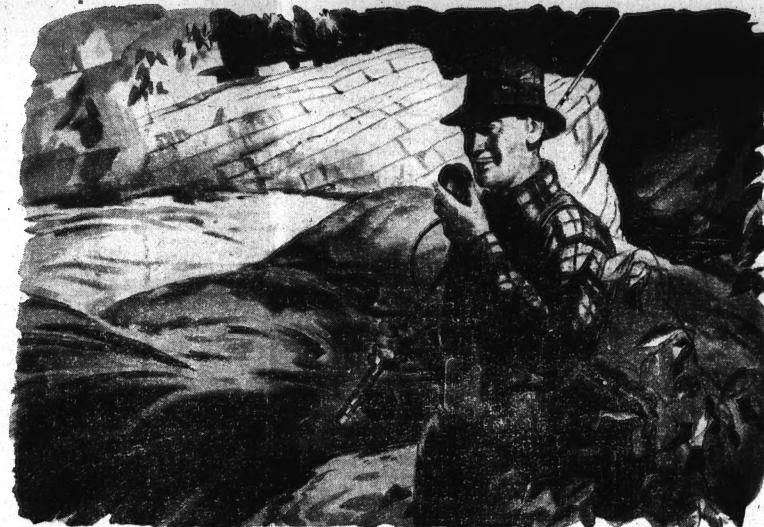
All local oldtimers and sports lovers were glad to greet Clarence Reddick the early part of the week. During Clarence's regime here in hockey and baseball he had many admirers and Blairmore held a leading place in these sports for years.

At a meeting of Blairmore Lodge of Elks on Monday night next officers for the ensuing term will be installed.

The 54-year-old Labor Temple at Halifax was destroyed by fire the early part of the week.

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WHO, indeed, doesn't look forward to the good things of tomorrow—when peace comes again? Yet we cannot for an instant relax our vigilance—not so long as there is a single armed enemy soldier at large—Nazi or Jap!

• We must fight to the end the battle against waste; we must keep production at its highest pitch; we must salvage fats and waste paper and metals; we must conserve gasoline and rubber; and, above all, we

must continue buying and keeping Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates.

• Does a soldier lay his rifle down when enemy resistance slackens for a moment? *No! And no more may we at home withdraw our help by cashing in our Victory Bonds.* They represent a pledge to our government and our fighting forces that we will back them to the last. *This we must do.*

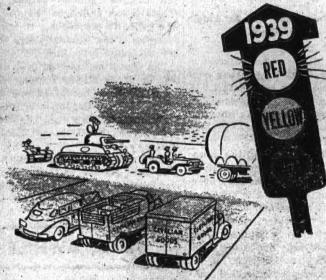
• Let us all be men who think of tomorrow... by holding our home front battle lines today!

THE HOUSE OF SEAGRAM

All Seagram plants in Canada and the United States are engaged in the production of high-proof Alcohol, High-proof Alcohol for War is used in the manufacture of Smokeless Powder, Synthetic Rubber, Photographic Film, Plastics, Navigation Instruments and many other wartime products.

DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS

"I must warn the House and Country against any indulgence in the feeling that the war will soon be over." WINSTON CHURCHILL
In the British House of Commons
November 28th, 1944



War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—that was the RED LIGHT

don't jump the YELLOW light



Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

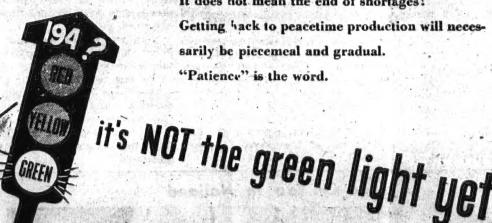
Don't confuse the signals—(This is the YELLOW LIGHT ONLY).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

"Patience" is the word.



it's NOT the green light yet

Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

The POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Government of Alberta

To build a "WORK FILE"—a reservoir of jobs for our returning active service men and women, challenges every citizen and all forms of industry and business in Alberta. The key to adequate post-war rehabilitation is EMPLOYMENT.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

For the purpose of organizing and securing the co-operation of householders, farmers and business men throughout Alberta, the Government has established a Regional Committee set up as a FACT-FINDING BODY to seek out the location of jobs and job-making opportunities for the post-war WORK FILE.

25 REGIONS IN ALBERTA

The Province has been divided into 25 regions for the purpose of seeking out enough of a comprehensive job survey. Each region is headed by its own Regional Committee, located in a central community.

YOUR FACT-FINDER WILL CALL SOON

A representative from your Regional Committee will call on you during the period between January 11th and 31st. You can help by answering his questions willingly and accurately. The information will be of direct benefit to those who are now fighting our battles for us.

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THIS PAPER AND ON THE RADIO.

SURVEY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Qu'Appelle Building — Edmonton

Regional Committee is located at Pincher Creek

Mayor T. J. Cumberland, chairman;
Henry E. Hammond, secretary.



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New Air Routes

THE NEED OF THE ALLIED NATIONS for air routes for the transport of men and materials have led to the opening up of many new air bases and to the development of much land which had formerly been wilderness. On this continent, territory in Labrador and in the North-West, which was in the past populated very sparsely or not at all, has been built up with roads and towns and has become as familiar to airmen and their families as air ports in the populated areas. There has great interest in the development of new air routes with bases in this country, both because of their importance in the Allied war strategy, and because of what they may mean to Canada in times of peace. Recent conferences on post-war aviation have given indication that Canada will continue to occupy the important position she now holds in relation to air transport.

While the opening up of new territory on this continent for air bases has attracted considerable interest, it is doubtful whether it is generally known that there has been similar development in Africa, where

a chain of great bases has been built to serve the air route to the Middle East. This route, which became a most important one when Italy entered the war in 1940, has contributed a great deal to the progress of the West African Colonies. In addition to the building of bases, many new roads have been constructed and thousands of native Africans have been trained as radio and telephone operators, mechanics and drivers. It is estimated that under ordinary conditions, it would have taken several generations to build up a similar body of skilled workmen. In establishing this great chain of air fields, which have played such a vital part in supplying Allies in the Middle East, Britain also brought many advantages to that section of the Empire.

Many Benefits In an article on this subject published recently by the British Ministry of Information, it was stated that the bases for this air route were commenced by British engineers twenty years ago. They were

built in jungles and on equatorial swamps, and enormous difficulties were encountered in constructing landing fields and runways. However, they proved of great value in the planning of Mediterranean strategy. Takoradi, on the Gold Coast, was developed into an assembly depot and in one three-month period, 1,500 R.A.F. planes were sent from there to the Middle East. The effects of the building up of this air route on the progress of the country are summed up by a British writer as follows: "Thus the British and Colonial Governments, under the stimulus of British enterprises, have in the course of winning the war conferred enormous benefits on the colonial peoples, which will profoundly influence the whole development of the African continent."

Self-Serve Hotel

IDEA OF PROPRIETORS IN ILLINOIS HAS PROVED A SUCCESS

Taking a tip from self-service markets the Oderizzi brothers of St. Paul, Ill., converted their 15-room hotel into a "help yourself" in a year ago.

The wartime pinch, which sent service standards of most hotels hurtling earthward and closed the doors of others, merely prodded the ingenuity of Louis and Victor Oderizzi.

When their desk clerk got his "greetings" from Uncle Sam there was no gnashing of teeth nor haunting of local employment agency. Equipping the desk in the lobby with a supply of envelopes, an open register and keys to all the rooms, Oderizzi and his let John Q. Public look out for himself. A sign tacked above the door instructs the guest to register, choose a key, deposit his money in one of the envelopes along with his name, address and room number, and climb upstairs to pleasant dreams, dragging his luggage behind him.

As well as curing the employment headache, managing a co-op hotel has given the Oderizzis a new confidence in their fellow man. Asked whether the "honor system" of collecting room rent didn't prove an expensive proposition, Victor came back with an emphatic "No!"

"Not one penny have we lost since we hit on this idea a year ago," he said. "The hotel is filled every night mostly with transient trade and every morning the money is waiting on the desk when we come to collect."

"What's more, our customers don't walk off with linens, towels, ash trays and everything else that isn't nailed down."

Hog Production

Alberta Is Far In The Lead For 1944

Figures of hog production in Canada for the first nine months of 1944 show that Alberta is still far in the lead. Up to the end of September, Alberta had contributed 2,261,000 to the flow of hogs into commercial channels, eventually to feed Allied armies overseas. Ontario stood second with 1,553,000, Saskatchewan third with 1,484,000, and Manitoba fourth with 636,000.

Alberta's marketings increased \$40,000 this year over last, or about 40 per cent, but there are signs that production is now falling off—Lethbridge Herald.

Some 35,700 miles separate the sun from Mercury, its nearest neighbor.

Delaying Victory

NEWS ANALYSTS FACTORS WHICH ARE PROLONGING THE WAR

Victory over Germany is still far distant. The events following D-Day of six months ago built up the false hope in our hearts that Nazi defeat was in sight. Super-optimism was shared in alike by our leaders in the field, and by those at home, including those in high places. General Marshall, U.S. Chief of Staff, admitted the other day that the Allied High Command had hoped for victory in Europe by now. Churchill himself last summer was optimistic; on at least two occasions in the past few weeks he has revised his estimate, the latest placing victory possibly next summer.

The reasons for this change in the victory outlook are well set forth by Virgil Pinkerton, general manager of the British Union Press, who, after a survey of the Western Front, analyzed the factors which are holding up the Allied advance and summarized them as follows:

(1) Stiff, stubborn, capable German resistance.

(2) Lack of full quota of supplies along the fronts, particularly shells and gasoline.

(3) The weather which frequently denies the use of overwhelming Allied air superiority and makes employment of tanks difficult.

(4) The terrain.

(5) Transportation difficulties, especially lack of ports plus long supply lines.

(6) The will of the German people, thus far, to resist, including standing up to the pulverizing Allied bombardment.

Mr. Pinkerton admits that Germany cannot possibly win the war on the battlefield, but thinks these factors are such that much fighting, costly in men and material, must still take place. It will certainly be no picnic for those who have to do the fighting and definitely no time for those at home to cease putting forth their uttermost efforts in support of our troops. We know that victory is certain, but must work hard to attain it.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

LARGEST DAIRY FARM

Although India is typically a country of smallholders, averaging from 1 to 5 acres, it boasts the largest dairy farm in the world. This comprises about six military dairy farms established several years ago to supply fresh milk butter and cream to the families of military personnel and Europeans in the Civil Service and covers 96,000 acres!

Price Control And Rationing Information

On the other day I noticed a sign placed in the restaurant where I was eating which advised the customers that they were only entitled to one cup of coffee or tea per meal. I was under the impression that more than one could now be served.

—Some restaurants are still displaying signs stating that government regulations require them to give only one cup of tea or coffee per meal. These signs should be removed. Restaurants may limit servings of tea and coffee if they wish but must do it in their own authority. There is no longer any government regulation. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations state, however, that sugar for tea or coffee is to be served in restaurants only with the first cup.

Q.—In order to have an essentiality certificate in order to purchase sugar, is it necessary to have a ration book?

A.—Essentiality certificates are no longer required to purchase new hot air furnaces. Use of such certificates has saved sufficient furnaces to meet essential requirements. Available supplies will be permitted to move in the normal way.

Q.—Is there going to be another in the butter ration?

A.—The butter ration is being reduced from seven ounces to approximately six ounces per person a week at the first of the year by making butter equivalent to one pound instead of in pairs and by having each of these coupons becoming good each month. The butter ration could remain valid until declared valid like sugar and preserves coupons.

Q.—When applying for coupons for evaporated milk, is it necessary for you to return your ration book with you?

A.—Yes, definitely, you must present your No. 5 ration book when applying for canned milk.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Control News" or the "Elder Board" in which you keep track of your selling prices' mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

Had To Be Last

BOMB FINALLY FINISHED KICKING CAREER OF FRENCH ARMY MULE

The services of animals in war time are so often taken for granted that it is consoling to learn that at least one memorial has been erected in France to a mule.

The inscription reads: "In memory of Maggie, who in her time kicked two colonels, four majors, ten captains, twenty-four lieutenants, forty-two sergeants, four hundred and thirty-two other ranks, four hundred and fifteen horses."

Maggie was in the service of the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles. Her long life was probably due to the order in which she did her army kicking.—Manchester Guardian.

CAUSES FOR WEARINESS

The New York Times says: "The British were fighting Hitler, part of the time almost alone, for two years before the Japanese brought us into the war. If we need to blame the blackouts, food restrictions, casualty lists and high taxes, what of them? The British people have stood up magnificently against every weapon Hitler could throw against them."

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A Spot Of Tea In Holland



Using an old steel helmet for a tea kettle, this trio of Canadian soldiers in Holland, brew themselves a spot of tea just back of the front line. They are left to right: Pte. Roy Saunders, Nanaimo, B.C.; Pte. Don Angus, Penticton, B.C., and Pte. Harold Bailey, Grand Forks, B.C.

Widow Receives V.C.

KING SOLOMON'S MINES

Uncover Traces Of An Ancient Civilization In Africa

A British scientist conducting an archaeological investigation in the foothills area in Rhodesia, South Africa, has found traces of an ancient civilization in the Zimbabwe district. They are formations and terraces used by an ancient people for agricultural purposes.

And so well built were irrigation channels to the terraces that not an inch of rainfall would be lost in several miles of territory.

There were ancient dwellings of many civilizations, relics of the Stone and Bronze Ages, and Chinese writings. Copper mines and gold diggings, probably used, 2,000 years ago, were also uncovered by Mr. Rooster.

British and South African engineers who have examined the sites of these lost peoples who may have furnished gold for Solomon were amazed at the ingenuity of the ancient builders.

And into these long-forgotten industrial mining factory sites and the modern dwellings of a new Commonwealth development may be fitted when peace is won.

King Solomon's mines are reputed to have been sited in the fabulous country of Phoenicia, which some historians say was in East Africa.

Professor R. A. S. MacAlister, the famous explorer, said "The centre of speculations is a group of extensive ruins in Zimbabwe, Mashonaland, the identical ruins referred to in the Rossiter report.

Canada's Food Output

PRODUCTION NEXT YEAR WILL BE AMPLIFIED

FOR ALL NEEDS

There will be plenty of food in Canada in 1945 to satisfy Canadian appetites, which are bigger than ever before. This is the belief of A. M. Shaw, chairman of the agricultural supplies board, which has directed Canada's food output since the beginning of this war.

Besides being able to fill the stomachs of Canadian civilians and those in the armed forces and meet its overseas contracts, Mr. Shaw is confident Canadian agriculture can help UNRRA feed the liberated peoples of Europe if such help is required. The Dominion has already supplied a large amount of wheat to UNRRA.

The latest survey by an allied combined food board committee reveals that Canadians in 1944 ate 10 per cent, more than they did in pre-war days, and more meat than in 1943. But despite growing appetites, Mr. Shaw believes there will be as much food, and probably more, in Canada's national pantry in March, 1945, when it hits its annual low point, as there was at the same time this year.

Eating habits developed by Canadians during the war, especially by those in the services, may affect Canada's agriculture favorably in peace in Mr. Shaw's opinion.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED

A man was being tried for misappropriating a pig, and a conscientious witness to whom the accused was said to have confided, was being examined.

Called "A Welcome to War Bride", this booklet will be distributed throughout the United Kingdom and will be available to every bride of a Canadian serviceman who contemplates making the trip out to her future home.

"Can you repeat the exact words in which the prisoner confessed to taking the pig?" asked the counsel.

"He said, sir, he took the pig."

The Judge tried to simplify the question. "Did the prisoner say, 'He took the pig' or 'I took the pig'?"

"Oh, your honor, he said he took it. Your honor's name wasn't even mentioned."

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Has New Title

QUEEN ELIZABETH HAS BEEN MADE A BENCHER OF THE INN

Queen Elizabeth recently added a new title to those she already holds. She was made a BENCHER of the Inn.

In a 10-minute traditional ceremony, the Queen became the first woman bENCHER of the Middle Temple. Queen Mary is a BENCHER of Lincoln's Inn, King George of the Inner Temple, the Duke of Windsor of the Middle Temple, and the Duke of Gloucester of Gray's Inn.

The traditional dinner which follows the Queen's call to the bench was omitted because of bomb damage to the law courts.

SMILE AWHILE

Foreman: "Don't you see that sign, 'No hands wanted'?"

Applicant: "I do, but I promised my wife I'd really ask for a job today, and that's why I applied."

Husband: "What extravagance, you have two hats to match that one dress."

Wife: "Oh, no, I haven't. I've only one dress to match the two hats."

Tim: "What was the cause of the collision at that corner today?"

Jim: "Two motorists after the same pedestrian."

Slimmons—Do you know your way round Wilson's?

Dublin (doubtfully)—Well, now, I'm not sure. What's the name of his leg?

An intern went to a public library and asked for a copy of Dante's Inferno. When the book was presented he looked at it dubiously and asked: "Is he the best authority on the subject?"

Teacher—What did the Prince do to wake the Sleeping Beauty?

Mary—I don't know.

Teacher—Now what does mother give you when you wake in the morning?

Mary—A spoonful of cod-liver oil.

Holiday-maker (to country bus conductor)—What time is your bus due at Fallow Green?

Conductor—Hi! Bill, what time did your missus tell you to be 'ome for tea?

"Which would you prefer in your future husband—wealth, ability or appearance?" asked the pretty girl.

"Appearance, my dear," replied the spinster, "but he's got to appear pretty soon."

Mistress—This food tastes terrible. Did you salt it?

New Cook—Yes'm, but I never used that brand before. It was called Epsom salts.

Addressing a political gathering, a speaker gave his hearers a touch of the pathetic. "I miss," he said, brushing away a not unmanly tear. "I miss many of the old faces I used to shake hands with."

"I love your daughter, sir. I would suffer to my dying day if I should ever cause her a moment's pain."

"You're right, young man, you would. I know that girl."

Eden Stands Firm On Britain's Policy In Greece

LONDON.—Standing pat on Britain's armed intervention in Greece, Foreign Secretary Eden urged quick re-establishment of face-to-face contact between the foreign ministers of the three great powers and urged that the only way Britain may have erred in Greece was in failing to take troops of the Allies into Greece along with her Tommies.

Opening the government's defence in the face of bitter Labor-Liberals who charged Britain had lied, the foreign secretary denied implication that British policy was dictated by sphere-of-influence plans and said Britain was "seeking nothing for ourselves in Greece—neither strategic advantage nor economic nor any other advantage of that kind at all."

He said the government would "welcome quarterly meetings between foreign secretaries of the great powers as they used to have before to deal with some of these matters."

"The prime minister and I," he said, "have said over and over again that we would go anywhere."

Mr. Eden maintained that the "only criticism that could have been made" (about Britain's policy in Greece) "is that we ought to have brought contingents of the others with us as well."

"The government, I say quite frankly, did not foresee matters would turn out as they have done and in a situation of us deeply deplore," Mr. Eden added.

"I do not know what other decision we could have taken but to go into Greece," the foreign secretary said after government policy had been criticized by such members as Arthur Greenwood, leader of the Labor opposition, Sir Percy Harris, Liberal, and Aneurin Bevan, bitter Labor party critic of Mr. Churchill.

The foreign secretary made it clear that the government was not withdrawing from its stand that intervention was necessary. Indeed, he said, "we could perhaps have been censured for not having intervened in Athens on behalf of law and order at an earlier date."

Mr. Greenwood had said there was great perturbation among Britons and their Allies as to the situation in Greece.

GERM CARRIER

Mosquito Blamed For Carrying Encephalomyelitis In Saskatchewan

TORONTO.—A report on 44 deaths in Saskatchewan in 1941 caused by encephalomyelitis, carried by mosquitoes, was presented at the 13th annual Christmas meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association, laboratory section, here. The report was made by W. A. Riddell and Elspeth McNelly of the Saskatchewan department of health.

The 1941 epidemic resulted in 543 cases of the disease and research showed it to be carried by the mosquito.

Other papers presented at the meeting dealt with methods of assaying penicillin, occurrence of benzene poisoning among industrial workers, and a report on diphtheria immunization.

EMOTIONAL AILMENTS

Sailors Of Newfoundland Command Are More Optimistic

A NEWFOUNDLAND PORT.—Psychiatrists at this base say emotional ailments among sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy's Newfoundland command have dropped sharply since D-day and the believe this may be optimism may be a major cause.

If "quite likely," they think, that one of the reasons for the decline is a general feeling that victory now is assured; thus increasing the average sailor's hopes of returning safely to his home and friends.

PEACE OFFENSIVE

Says Germany Looking For Something Better Than Total Surrender

LONDON.—Berlin propagandists hinted that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive might be a "peace offensive" designed, through attrition, to gain for Germany something better than unconditional surrender.

Dr. Karl Scharping, chief political commentator, said: "In view of our offensive in the west Germany must force her enemies to go all out."

Canada has an estimated 3,500,000 industrial workers, according to 1944 survey.

Helped Santa



R.C.A.F. Photo

An attractive member of the R.C.A.F. (Women's Division) gave Santa a helping hand as she wraps Christmas presents for home. Leading Airwoman Sylvia (Bambi) Seeley is the daughter of Mrs. W. M. Seeley, Snowden, Sask. She enlisted in July, 1942, and was stationed at Dauphin, Man., and Montreal prior to her present posting at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. She has two brothers with the Canadian Army overseas, one in Holland and the other serving in Italy.

Franks Flying Suit Is An Aid To Aviators

OTTAWA.—Air Force headquarters made public details of one of the best-kept secrets of the war—the Franks flying suit which eliminates "blackout" which plagued flyers.

Invented in 1940 by Wing Cmdr. William R. Franks, O.B.E., of Toronto, formerly of the University of Toronto, the suit has been in restricted operational use of British and U.S. aircraft carriers since 1942. Dr. Franks, born at Weston, near Toronto, attended public school in Regina when his parents took him west as a child.

Developed by the R.C.A.F. and the Banting Institute, University of Toronto, the "F.F.S.", as it is known in secret air force documents, prevents "blackout" in fighter pilots, thus giving Allied air forces a tremendous tactical advantage in swirling dogfights miles up in the sky. Safeguard against the "blackout" hazard, they can turn faster than their adversaries and get on their tails.

"Blackout" is an air force term for temporary blindness, sometimes leading to unconsciousness, caused by the action of centrifugal force on the pilots of fast-maneuvering aircraft.

Columns of gas or fluid such as air or water are contained in a rubber skeleton lining and held comfortably close to the pilot's body from ankles to chest by non-stretchable fabric. During sharp turns at high speeds, producing centrifugal force, corresponding force from the suit balances pressure inside and out and permits the normal flow of blood to the brain.

Prior to his enlistment in the R.C.A.F., Wing Cmdr. Franks was associate professor at the department of medical research, University of Toronto, and a close colleague of the late Sir Frederick Banting.

NEW UNIVERSITY

Agricultural College At Guelph To Receive Full University Status

TORONTO.—Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph will receive full university status and be removed from political direction under terms of legislation to be introduced by Agriculture Minister T. L. Kennedy at the next session, the Globe and Mail said.

A committee appointed some months ago by the agriculture department is finishing a report on the college. It is understood this committee will recommend that O.A.C. be placed under a board of governors and empowered to confer university degrees. Degrees currently are conferred by the university of Toronto.

Dr. G. L. Christie, principal of O.A.C., is expected to be named president of the new university, which may be called the University of Ontario. It will be the first agricultural college in the Dominion.

PLenty OF FOOD

Reserves On Most Farms Are Adequate For All Demands

OTTAWA.—Full feed bins today were like money in bank for thousands of farmers.

Department records showed that 1944 had been a good, if not a bumper, year for feed, and the reserves on most farms have been built up to the point where the demands of Canada and her allies for meats and dairy products probably can be met for a year or more.

Officials said the improved Ontario feed picture would ease what had been a growing strain on feed supplies in the west. From Oct. 31, 1941, to Oct. 31, 1944, the movement of grains for feed to the east under the federal government free-freight policy has totalled nearly \$5,000,000 bushels of wheat; oats, 90,000,000 bushels; barley, 67,500,000; rye, 1,435,000; screenings, 152,000 tons, and mill-feeds, 1,780,000 hundredweight.

The cost of the movement to the government has been \$39,609,000.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW YORK.—Ma Te-Tung, chairman of the central committee of the Chinese Communist party, has appealed to the people of China to demand a "national convention" of all parties in order to obtain "a democratic coalition government," the Communists radio at Yenan said.

Leads Headhunters



Ursula Graham Bower, above, 30-year-old wealthy British woman, whose dramatic story is revealed from Burma, India. Thousands of miles from her native London, Miss Bower, leading fierce headhunting tribesmen of the Naga Hills against the Japanese, and warning system of beacons and native runners so that the British 14th army in Burma would know in advance the direction and time of Japanese raids toward the vital Assam railway running into northeast India.

Christmas In Barracks



Above, members of a Scottish regiment tuck into turkey and trimmings. Many a lonely serviceman far from home was served a special Christmas dinner like this by his officers. Others were offered the hospitality of both British and Canadian homes over the Christmas season.

R.C.A.F. Fliers Visit Christ's Birthplace



"And she brought forth her first born and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger" Two Canadian airmen visit the shrine in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem commemorating the spot where Jesus was born.

Will Hold Debate On The French-Soviet Alliance

PARIS.—The French consultative assembly prepared to open debate on the French-Soviet alliance amid authoritative reports that the Moscow conference had agreed on mutual support in projected amputations of German territory on both the east and west in eventual peace settlements.

Assembly members who heard Foreign Minister Georges Bidault's report on the treaty in a closed session of the foreign affairs committee were contented to retreating of the Soviet-Polish front along the Curzon line and giving to Poland German territories east of the Oder in compensation for territory she would lose to Russia on the west.

Russia, in turn, they said, promised to support French claims to the Rhineland and Rhenish industrial basin in western Germany. This territory, according to the most prevalent French view, should be cut off from Germany and set up as an independent state under French and Belgian suzerainty.

Meanwhile, the foreign affairs committee turned down a motion by Louis Saillant, president of the national resistance council, providing that France propose a similar alliance with Britain and the United States. The committee said the moment was not opportune.

Canadian Naval Crew Save A Valuable Cargo

OTTAWA.—Three Canadian naval men have won commendation from Admiral Sir Charles Little, chief of the Portsmouth command, for their part in a salvage operation during a wild gale of two United States oil barges in the English channel. The barges and cargo were worth \$150,000.

A naval release identified the men as Lieut. D. S. (Fincher) Martin of Halifax, Lieut. T. C. Marshall of Vancouver and PO. Eugene Peters of Regina—all of the corvette Mayflower.

The Mayflower was escorting a convoy in the English channel one morning in October when two 1,000-ton barges were sighted without escorts. The Mayflower left her convoy, which was out of any danger zone and investigated.

The two barges were found drifting 15 miles off Le Havre after having apparently cut off their tow the previous day during a heavy gale. The sea was still very rough and the decks of the two barges, fully loaded and low in the water, were continuously awash.

The barges were tied together, and after numerous attempts the crew of the Mayflower succeeded in securing a line on the port side of one of them, taking the other in tow astern. them, taking the other in tow astern several times as the tow rope kept parting. The sea was running high during the following 12 hours and skilful seamanship was required to keep the barges, which were being tossed about like corks, from dragging the corvette.

"It was a lucky thing for us we were told to anchor on return to harbor," said Lieut. Marshall. "I had no lines left at all."

OIL PROSPECTS

More Than 545,000 Acres Of Land Filed On For Exploration Work

EDMONTON.—More than 545,000 acres of Alberta oil lands were filed upon in the form of exploration reservations in a recent week, according to figures issued by the mining lands division of the department of lands and mines. Applications for reservations were filed for various regions of the province, including the region north of Medicine Hat and extending to the Vermilion district.

ARMY SHOW BACK

OTTAWA.—Khaki-clad troopers who entertained Canadian fighting men within a mile of the German lines now are back in Canada after a long tour of the United Kingdom and the Canadian units in Italy.

FOOD FOR HOLLAND

TORONTO.—Norman C. Urquhart, chairman of the national executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society, announced that the society is sending 30,000 food parcels to Holland for destitute civilians.

